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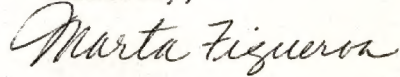
May 29, 1981

Dear Member:

Recently the Board of Directors of the Hispanic Bar Association passed a Resolution urging Congress to support legislation reauthorizing the Legal Services Corporation. This Resolution has been sent to key Congressional delegates. In view of the Hispanic community's continually pressing need for effective legal representation and the devastating impact the elimination of Legal Services would have on our community's access to the judicial system we, the Board of Directors, encourage each of you to act now on this crucial issue. Accordingly, enclosed is an appeal from the Public Interest Lawyers of New Jersey for your support in the struggle to stop the defunding by Congress of Legal Services. Your anticipated cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Your attention is called to the fact that the next general meeting of the Hispanic Bar Association will be held on Thursday, June 4, 1981, at 6:00 p.m., at the Middlesex County Legal Services Office, 78 Carroll Place, 3rd floor, New Brunswick, New Jersey. Please attend. Your participation in the development of this organization is needed.

Sincerely,



Marta Figueroa
Secretary

Enclosure

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HISPANIC BAR ASSOCIATION

Minutes

Date: June 4, 1981

Site: Legal Services of New Jersey, New Brunswick

Attendance: G. Camacho-Pagan,
M. Echevaria,
R. Esquivel, E. Faria,
S. Lisboa, I. Perez,
M. Rivera

The meeting began at 6:45 p.m., and was chaired by Margarita Echevaria. A quorum was not reached.

1. The Chair reported on the NJSBA's "Long-Term Planning Conference". She underscored the importance of becoming actively involved in the state and local bar associations.

2. Echevaria pointed out the need for a translation of NJSBA's award-winning pamphlet, "Consumer's Guide to New Jersey Law". Ignacio Perez offered to review and revise, if necessary, a translated version prepared previously.

3. The Latin Organization of Atlantic City, Inc. ("LOAC"), in a form letter received by the Chair, has requested our assistance in any way we can. The Puerto Rican and Hispanic community there has been grappling with the effects of exclusionary zoning on the housing problem. Echevaria, Perez, Esquivel, and Rivera agreed to form a delegation, headed by the Chair, to visit LOAC and familiarize itself with the situation.

4. Lisboa, Esquivel, Faria, and Camacho-Pagan agreed to form a committee to plan, organize, and hold a gubernatorial candidates' forum, perhaps with other co-sponsors.

5. Echevaria reported that HBA sent copies of resolutions supporting Legal Services and opposed to cutbacks of Community Services Administration funds to our Senators and Congresspeople.

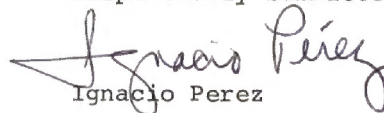
6. A general announcement was made of the Hispanic Law Enforcement Society's dinner-dance.

7. The Treasurer, Ricardo Esquivel, gave his report. The balance as of the date of the meeting was \$831.34.

8. Ignacio Perez, Chairman of the Education Committee gave his report. He reported that Joseph Rodriguez had agreed to be the first speaker in the association's continuing legal education program. Rodriguez will speak on the general topic of civil trial skills. Details will be forth coming with regard to this seminar, to be held on September or October.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Ignacio Perez